

HARDWICK

C. A. Vant, aged 77 years, who has made his home with his wife, A. W. Vant, here for the past few years, died last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, following a shock. He had been in poor health for several months. The funeral was held at his son's home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. William Garner officiating. The remains were placed in the receiving vault in the Main street cemetery until spring, when they will be taken to Marlboro, Mass., and laid beside his wife, who died many years ago. He is survived by his son, Arthur.

Little Avis Doney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Doney, has been quite ill the past week.

Monroe Sylvester is home from his work in Bridgeport, Conn., to spend the holidays with his parents.

The legal advisory board, consisting of R. J. Mulcahy, S. E. Darling, Jr., A. D. Kimball and A. R. Thomas, have been in session every evening at the Memorial building the past week to assist the men having questionnaires to answer them properly. The board will be in session every evening until the time has expired when the questionnaires have to be returned to the headquarters at St. Johnsbury.

Charles Wescott, the jeweler at H. R. Kimball's, was to his home in St. Johnsbury last Saturday night to remain until after Christmas.

Paul St. Peter and wife are spending several days in Greenfield, Mass., with relatives. Mr. St. Peter is night watchman at the Woodbury Granite Co. plant.

Miss Ruby Tuttle, teacher of French and English in the Ludlow high school, is visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

William "Bid" Merrill of Boston is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merrill.

Mrs. Guy Knapp and children of Berlin, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foss.

Miss Alice Sullivan of Barre is passing the holidays with her parents, J. E. Sullivan and wife.

Binney Lamer of Barre is spending a few days here at his home.

Miss Elmina Noble is home from teaching school in Stratford, Conn., and will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lilla Noble.

Joe Cordella, who has been working in Bristol, Conn., until last fall, when he entered the Boston university law school, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Cordella.

Ralph Thomas of Springfield is visiting relatives in town this week.

Miss Madeline Grant is home from the Northampton, Mass., school for the holiday recess.

Wendell Campbell, who is attending Worcester, Mass., Tech. school, is a guest of his parents, E. H. Campbell and wife.

Carroll Huntington, a student at Worcester Tech., at Worcester, Mass., arrived home last Friday night for a week's vacation.

T. E. Angell and son, George Angell, who are working in Bristol, Conn., arrived home Saturday morning from that place for the Christmas holiday season.

Howard Townsend, who is employed in Bristol, Conn., arrived home the first of the week for the Christmas and New Year vacation period.

A. J. Porter and wife of St. Johnsbury were guests of relatives in town over Sunday and the first of the week.

P. C. Kittredge, who has a position in Quincy, Mass., arrived home Monday morning for a vacation.

Miss Hazel Cobb is home from Swanton, where she is teaching school, for the holiday recess.

Mrs. C. C. Bianchi was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington last Friday morning. Mr. Bianchi going down with her.

Mrs. Annie Dimond of Bakersfield arrived in town the first of the week for a visit at the home of R. B. Paquette and wife.

F. E. Hall, who went to Springfield, Mass., the first of last week, returned home last Friday.

D. L. Scott is home this week from his work in Springfield.

Miss Helen Slapp arrived home the latter part of last week from Wells River, where she is teaching school.

C. F. Hersey and wife of St. Johnsbury were recent guests at the home of J. W. Hersey and wife, returning to St. Johnsbury last night.

Roy Ward is home from Medford, Mass., where he is attending Tufts dental college.

Dante Bardelli arrived home Saturday night for a few days' furlough from Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Tony Constantino is home from his work in Windsor for a short visit. Rodrick McLeod, another Hardwick boy working in Bristol, Conn., is home for the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Miss Ethel Robie, who is attending school at Tilton, N. H., is spending the holidays with her parents, L. S. Robie and wife.

Mrs. Albert Gregory of Concord, N. H., is in town visiting her parents, C. H. Wilton and wife.

Miss Helene Gallagher arrived home the latter part of last week from Boston, where she is attending Simmons college.

John Slapp and wife of Sunnyside, Utah, are guests at Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Slapp's this week. Mr. Slapp is a brother of Charles Slapp. John Slapp expects to be here only a few days, but Mrs. Slapp will remain for some time.

Jay Hall of Randolph and Ray Hall of East Montpelier are guests of their sister, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, this week.

Several of our merchants were quite wrought up last Saturday night to discover that a certain Mr. Earl of Walden, in charge of one of the Hood company creameries, was passing and attempting to pass checks wrongfully. Mr. and Mrs. Earl visited the McLeod store and tried to get a check drawn to one Mr. Austin of Cabot, endorsed by him and then by Mr. Earl, but F. T. Taylor was somewhat suspicious and refused to do so, but called up Mr. Austin of Cabot and found that he knew nothing of any such check, and it seems that one of the banks would not cash the check either. Mr. Earl visited Downer's shoe store and presented a check payable to himself that was undoubtedly all straight. Mr. Downer gave him the required change, but later the man again visited Downer and presented another check drawn to G. H. Albee and supposed to have been signed by him and then by Mr. Earl. This he also cashed, giving him in return in part change a check of his own for \$16, which was later presented at the Hardwick Hardware Co. store for some articles.

State's Attorney Campbell was called on the phone and as a result Deputy Sheriff Rand was notified to rush to the station and nab the man before the train left for the east. It seems that the couple had a trunk checked to St. Johnsbury. When taken into custody the young man did not deny the charges and he was taken to St. Johnsbury by Mr. Rand.

Miss Stella Lane, who is working in

NORTH CALAIS

Mrs. Nancy Holt, who died Friday, Was 95 Years Old.

Mrs. Nancy Holt passed away Friday noon after a lingering illness of several months at the advanced age of 95 years. She leaves a son, Albert, who has been a constant and faithful attendant through it all. Funeral services were held from her late home on Sunday at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Lizzie Fay and Jennie Leonard were business visitors in Barre Saturday.

Orin Jackman purchased a cow and sold at the Wells auction last week.

Mrs. Albert Young, who has been quite ill, is slightly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackman were in Montpelier Friday for the day.

Mrs. Myra Kellogg of Montpelier came on Friday to care for her sister, Mrs. Sybil Young, who is ill.

Amasa Brown of Worcester was in town last week visiting relatives.

J. Little of Barre came Monday to attend Rachel Avery's funeral.

There was a Christmas tree and exercises at the No. 10 schoolhouse Friday evening. The program was interesting and well carried out.

Louella Kittell went to her home in St. Albans for the Christmas vacation Saturday.

At the regular meeting of Stowe W. R. C. No. 36, Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, Jennie Fair; senior vice-president, Ina Tabor; junior vice-president, Linnie Persons; treasurer, Lucy Converse; chaplain, Lizzie Fay; conductor, Nellie Wheeler; guard, Lucy Gray; installing officer, Ada Cate.

EAST CALAIS

There will be an entertainment at I. O. G. T. Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 28, consisting of the faro, "We're All Teetotalers"; vocal solo by Mrs. Saxby; cornet solo by Richard Lamb; reading by Gladys Valentine, followed by a dance. Good music in attendance. Admission 15c. Dancing, 40c. Proceeds to reduce the debt on the piano.

Misses Eva and Alice Persons spent Friday and Saturday in Montpelier and Barre.

Wallace Guernsey of North Montpelier spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Guernsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bullock of Barre, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pike and son, Raymond, of Marshfield and Mrs. Elmer Benjamin and son, Lawrence, of Bradford, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Merne Hawkins.

Harold Dwinell spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Sheffield with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bullock of Barre are spending the week with Mr. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bullock.

Harold and Franklyn Dwinell of U. V. M., Burlington, are spending the Christmas recess with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dwinell.

Misses Hazel Weeks and Mildred Gray, Messrs. Richard Lamb and Van Persons of Goddard seminary are at their respective homes over the recess.

Miss Blanche Weeks of Ohio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Weeks.

Mrs. Howard Bailey and son, Gardner, of Brattleboro are visiting Mr. Bailey here in town.

George Nelson and friend of Barre were visitors in town Sunday.

Robert Kenniston was a business visitor in Barre and Montpelier Saturday.

Miss Laura Colley of Marshfield and Perley Haskett of Barre spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wing.

PLAINFIELD

The funeral services of Lucius Knapp, who died Dec. 14 of heart failure, were held Dec. 17 at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. F. E. Currier of Cabot officiating. The bearers were Jack Ralston, Raymond Goodwin and Lester and Neil Knapp. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Those to attend the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. John G. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pike and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Knapp and daughter of Cabot, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goodwin of Lyndonville, Mr. and Mrs. William Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belleville of Granville, Fred Knapp of Northfield, Arthur Knapp of Morrisville, Percy Pike of St. Johnsbury, Howard Pike of Montpelier, Mrs. Frank Marsh of East Calais, Herbert Knapp of Worcester, Mass., Lester Knapp of Belows Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralston and son of Concord.

William Bancroft returned to Pawtucket, R. I., Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Martin and son, Carl, were in Montpelier Saturday.

Misses Ida and Sadie Hart went to their home in Stowe Saturday for the two weeks' vacation.

Reuben Batchelder is at work in the machine shops in Windsor.

Miss Maude Flood is assisting in the postoffice during the holidays.

Seaman Walter Wells is spending a few days in town with his parents.

Mrs. and Mrs. Don Knapp and daughter of Chicago are visiting at the home of Mrs. L. L. Knapp.

Carlyle Wells of Cambridge spent Saturday and Sunday in town with friends.

Miss Abba Clark spent Tuesday in Montpelier.

Mrs. Dan Moses and Mrs. Reuben Batchelder were in Montpelier Wednesday.

Mrs. L. C. Baldwin was a business visitor in Barre Tuesday.

Misses Fanny Martin and Lucy Stoddard are home from Goddard seminary, Barre, for the holidays.

Clem Batchelder of Boston is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Batchelder.

Fred L. Page of Barre is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Mrs. William Colvin has returned to her home in New York, after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Clinton Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lafayette spent Sunday in Marshfield with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wells.

Brooks Buxton, Miss Ruth and Kenneth Buxton spent Monday in Montpelier.

Mrs. Wade Benjamin and Waldo Benjamin of Hardwick visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Dwinell last week.

Claude Partridge is spending a few weeks in Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Martin and Miss Florence Payne are visiting relatives in Northfield.

Christmas exercises and a tree were observed at the Hollister hill schoolhouse Thursday evening.

Miss Vivian Canfield is spending a few weeks in Marshfield with Miss Amy Cameron.

Miss Florence Martin is visiting relatives in Barre. Her brother, Lionel, who had also been there several days, returned home Monday.

Medose and Wallace Pelkey have gone to Champlain, N. Y., to spend Christmas with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Loveland of Marshfield spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Wyman.

Harley Fulson of Marshfield is assisting H. C. Cutting in the M. & W. R. station.

Mrs. Fred Dwinell of North Montpelier

is spending a few days at the home of S. E. Dwinell on Hollister hill.

A box social was held at the King schoolhouse Friday evening.

Mrs. Fred Gokey is reported ill.

Miss Beatrice Kellogg of West Burke is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kellogg.

Clair Knapp of Hardwick visited relatives in town Friday.

Mrs. A. N. Flood spent Saturday in Montpelier with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Farnham.

Mrs. Robert Gould returned to her home in Springfield, Mass., Thursday. Tenement to rent in Batchelder block; \$8 a month.—adv.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement; also for many beautiful flowers.

Mrs. L. L. Knapp and family.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to our friends in Washington and Plainfield for their many acts of kindness and beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our loved one.

Mrs. Ella McDonald, Ernest R. McDonald.

TOPSHAM

Miss Alice McLam was home from her school at Barre for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Lizzie Wormwood, a trained nurse, who has been on a case in Corinth, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Agnes M. McLam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Currier were in Bradford last Friday.

James and Chauncey McKay left Saturday for Quincy, Mass., where they will spend Christmas week with their father, D. G. McKay.

Mrs. David Hutchins of Ogdensburg, N. Y., was a recent guest of Mrs. E. E. Powers, having been called here by the death of her uncle, Frank Wiley.

Mrs. Richard LaPoint of Beecher Falls is spending two weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hattie B. Sawyer.

Mrs. Betsey Currier is working in the family of Walter B. Mayo.

Christmas exercises at town hall on Friday evening were well attended, and a very pleasing program was carried out by the school, with much credit to all who took part.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Welch were at Bradford on Saturday.

Charlie Smith, who has been stopping for some time at the home of E. M. Hood, went to Wadsworth last Saturday and from there will go to Hopdale, Mass., where he has employment as stenographer.

EAST BETHEL

O. B. Kinckley is at the sanatorium in Randolph for treatment.

Charles Dodge and C. K. Smith are hauling elm logs for Fred Fowler.

The fuel shortage is beginning to be felt by some in this vicinity.

Miss Carrie Godfrey of the South Royalton high school passed the Christmas vacation with her mother at J. H. Buck's.

Clayton Wright is ill with tonsillitis. The village school is closed for the holiday vacation. The teacher, Miss Keefe, is in Waterbury at home for the period.

H. V. Allen assistant engineer at the New Departure Manufacturing company, Bristol, Conn., is at his home here for the Christmas season.

Perley Hackett of Windsor visited his old home here Saturday.

WATERBURY

The recital given by the pupils of Miss Flora Boyce in the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thibault at the hospital annex Friday evening was a very pleasant affair. Each pupil did the part assigned in a very creditable manner. Six were excused.

Friday afternoon the Duxbury Corner school held an enjoyable Christmas celebration in the school room, exercises being held in which each child did well his or her part. A tree was well laden for children of the community who did not go to school, most of these gifts being made by the children. Bags of popcorn with the usual accessories were presented to each one present and the scholars had for their part a Jack Horner pie. Christmas games were played and a very happy time passed by all. Miss Henrietta Kerrin, as teacher, had charge of this delightful affair.

At Crosssett hill exercises were held Saturday afternoon and the Christmas spirit was also brought out by the teacher, Mrs. Fred Ravelin, in remembering the children of the community. Fine exercises were held and a pleasant afternoon passed for all who attended. Candy was eliminated from these popcorn bags, the children being taught not to expect it.

In the high and graded schools Christmas thought was put upon three who have gone into the service, Perry Aldrich of last year's high school faculty, Leon Griffin and Paul Backus. Gifts were sent them from the school. The teachers have gone to their homes for the two week recess. Prin. Renhier to Waterford, N. Y., Miss Walker to Gardner, Me., Miss Emma Lowe to Burlington, Charles Penny to Maine, Miss Prentiss to Johnson, Miss Loomis to Burlington, and Miss Burke to Franklin Falls, N. H.

Quartermaster Roy LeBaron, who came home with his sister, Miss Kathleen LeBaron, had to return Friday night to report for duty on Saturday.

Miss Belle Anderson of the Edmunds high school is with her mother, Mrs. Adda Anderson, at the Center.

Mrs. G. S. Bidwell went to Burlington Friday to meet Miss Lestina Bidwell, who returned home from Syracuse university for the holidays.

RANDOLPH

Miss Florence Granger of Somerville, Mass., is passing her holiday vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Granger.

Dr. Charles Cushman of Chicago arrived here Monday for a several days' stay with his mother, Mrs. G. E. Cushman, and his sister, Mrs. F. A. Eaton.

Dr. Harry Clark and Mrs. Clark of Danvers, Mass., are passing several days here with Mrs. Emily Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Clark.

Mrs. W. F. Edson and her sister, Miss Maud Johnston, went to Lebanon, N. H., Monday for a visit with their mother, Mrs. Johnston, till Thursday of this week.

Howard Rogers, only son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Rogers of Braintree, and Miss Maud Wiley, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wiley of this place, were married at the Bethany parsonage Monday morning at 9:30 by the pastor, Rev. Fraser Metzger. The couple were accompanied by the groom's parents, and immediately after the ceremony went on the southbound train to Lynn, Mass., for a short stay, after which they will go to Ayer, Mass., to visit the bride's brother, Dean Wiley, who is in the training camp at that place.

Ernest Austin, came from Portland, Me., Saturday to remain till Tuesday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dumas and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dumas, the former from Springfield and the latter from Montpelier, are being entertained for a few days by Mr. and Mrs. George Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and child from Lebanon, N. H., came Monday for

a few days' stay here with Miss Grace Wood and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, who has been passing several weeks at Essex Junction, came Monday for a few days' stay with Judge and Mrs. J. W. Rowell.

Mrs. Louisa Rogers, Mrs. Rowell's attendant, left Monday to remain over the holiday with her son and family in Woodstock.

Miss Minnie Carpenter is the guest of Mrs. H. E. Richardson, arriving from Montpelier Monday.

Harold Sharpe of Boston has come for a short stay with his mother, Mrs. Hayden Sharpe, and other friends.

Mrs. Dumas left Monday for Woodstock, where she is to pass the winter with her son, Otis Dumas, and family.

Miss Eleanor J. Clark, the teacher in the training course here, left Monday for Hanover, N. H., to pass her vacation in that place with friends.

The Baptist church held a Christmas party Monday afternoon for the children of the Sunday school, when all had a merry time. Tuesday night the Methodist church gave a supper at the church for all of the parish, and the children had a tree from which presents were distributed in the old manner.

Miss Mary Wedgwood of New Haven, Conn., is passing the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Wedgwood, and her sisters here.

F. H. Ketchum joined his wife in Boston Tuesday for a several days' stay in the city and vicinity.

ORANGE

Friends of E. C. Richardson will be glad to know he is home from the sanatorium much improved in health.

While working on the "Hurricane" last week, William Chamberlin and Charles Richardson sawed down an elm that measured five feet by five and ten inches on the stump.

Schools closed Friday with Christmas exercises. At the Center school, Margaret Barnes and Dean Emerson had perfect attendance; Phyllis and Marion Nelson, Vernice Whitcomb, Myrtle Wood and Ernest Farrend, absent not more than five days.

Mrs. David and daughter, Doris, from Boston are visiting Mrs. Earl Flanders.

Warren Cole from New Hampshire was a guest at Sherman Chamberlin's the first of the week.

The body of Mrs. George Emerson was brought here from Barre for interment Monday. Mrs. Emerson's early life was spent in this community and she leaves a large circle of relatives and friends here to mourn her.



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